

COMBINATION POOR'S-HOUSE,

KINCARDINESHIRE.

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## Testimonials

IN FAVOUR OF

ALEXANDER MARTIN, A.M., M.D.,

LICENTIATE OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS,  
EDINBURGH.



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To the BOARD of MANAGEMENT  
OF THE  
Combination Poor's-House,  
KINCARDINESHIRE.

GENTLEMEN,

In announcing to you my intention of presenting myself for the appointment of MEDICAL OFFICER to the Combination Poor's-House of Kincardineshire, I beg respectfully to lay before you the accompanying Testimonials.

To those who have known me during my practice at Stonehaven, they may appear unnecessary ; but, to the Delegates representing the more distant Parishes, I trust they will be acceptable, as giving them some means of judging of my fitness.

I shall only further add that, if favoured with the office, my best endeavour shall always be to perform with fidelity the duties entrusted to me.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

A L. MARTIN.

STONEHAVEN, 6th December, 1865.



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## TESTIMONIALS.

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### I.

*From* ROBERT RATTRAY, M.D., &c., &c.

I have known Dr. ALEXANDER MARTIN since the time he was a Student attending this Hospital and the Medical Classes, and since he commenced practice in Stonehaven, twenty years ago, I have been intimate with him. He informs me that he is an applicant for the situation of Medical Officer to the Combination Poor's-House, Kincardineshire, and I have no hesitation in saying that he is well qualified for such an appointment. I have the fullest confidence in Dr. MARTIN's professional ability, as well as in his intelligence, discretion, and regular business habits, while his frank and kindly disposition highly recommend him as a proper person to take charge of the sick poor.

(Signed) ROBERT RATTRAY, M.D., &c.

ROYAL INFIRMARY,  
ABERDEEN, 7th November, 1865.

## II.

*From JOHN PATERSON, M.R.C.S.E., Medical Officer of Old Machar Poor-House, to one of its Districts, to the Aberdeen General Dispensary, to the House of Refuge, and Boys' Hospital.*

31, BON-ACCORD STREET,

10th November, 1865.

MY DEAR DOCTOR,

I have just been favoured with your kind note, and, in answer, beg to say that I have extreme pleasure in certifying that I have been very intimate with you (professionally and otherwise) for a period of upwards of twenty years. You were then a first-class Student—zealous, industrious, and persevering ; and I never knew any one who so thoroughly took advantage of the practice at our Dispensary and other Public Charitable Institutions. No one had better opportunities of seeing and treating disease amongst children, the infirm, and aged ; and from your amiable, unassuming, and gentlemanly manners, your kindness and attention to the poor, you became deservedly a great favourite.

I do not know any one who has studied his profession in all its branches more completely than you ; and as a University Prizeman, and of your extensive scholarly acquirements, I need not speak. As a Medical Man and Member of the Profession, from the nature of your early training, I know no one so well qualified to fill the situation of Medical Officer to any Public Charitable Institution. And I consider that



the Directors of any such establishment will be peculiarly fortunate in having you as their Medical Attendant.

With my sincere wishes for your success,

Believe me,

MY DEAR DOCTOR MARTIN,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN PATERSON, M.R.C.S.E.

To ALEXANDER MARTIN, Esquire, M.D., &c. &c.,  
Stonehaven.

### III.

*From P. REDFERN, M.D., London, F.R.C.S.L. &c., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, and Examiner in the Queen's University in Ireland; Examiner in Anatomy in the University of London; formerly, Lecturer on Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen.*

I hereby testify, from personal knowledge of Dr. ALEXANDER MARTIN for many years, that he is a sound, skilful, and highly experienced Surgeon and Medical Practitioner.

In my opinion Dr. MARTIN is specially qualified by his long experience, his knowledge of his profession, his kindness of disposition, and his gentlemanly character for the position of Medical Officer to the Kincardineshire Poor's-House or other public Medical Institution.

(Signed) P. REDFERN, M.D., LOND.

BELFAST, 8th November, 1865.

## IV.

*From JAMES FETTES, Surgeon, and J.P. for Kincardineshire.*

I have much pleasure in certifying that I have been on terms of the most intimate friendship with Dr. ALEXANDER MARTIN, ever since he settled in Stonehaven—some twenty years ago.

I consider him a most active, energetic, and thoroughly qualified Physician and Surgeon ; and in all our intercourse, professionally and otherwise, I have found him acting in a most gentlemanly manner.

I believe him to be every way qualified to act as Medical Officer to the Combination Poor's-House at Stonehaven, and shall be very happy if the Gentlemen constituting the Board of Management shall elect him, as I consider him specially deserving the appointment, and feel assured he will do credit both to them and to himself by a faithful and conscientious discharge of his professional duties.

Given at Laurencekirk, this 17<sup>th</sup> November,  
1865, by

(Signed) JAS. FETTES, S. & J.P.

V.

*From* ROBERT DOUGLAS, M.D., *formerly* H.E.I.C.S.

NORTH WATER BRIDGE, LAURENCEKIRK,

13th November, 1865.

MY DEAR SIR,

Understanding that you are willing, if appointed, to undertake the duties of Medical Officer of our Combination Poor-House, Stonehaven, I heartily offer my testimony to your eminent fitness for the same. For a number of years during my sojourns in Stonehaven sea-bathing quarters, I have had opportunity of noting, and also of experiencing, your great professional skill. An enthusiast in your profession, you combine decision with kindness and attention to your patients.

Though about to remove my residence from the Parish of Marykirk to St. Ann's, Brechin, by property a member of the Parochial Board of Marykirk, I will continue to have an interest in its poor, and for their sakes will rejoice if we are enabled to secure your valuable services.

Wishing you all success,

I remain, My DEAR<sup>r</sup> SIR,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT DOUGLAS, M.D.,

*Formerly* H.E.I.C.S.

ALEXANDER MARTIN, M.D., M.A., &c.,

Stonehaven.

## VI.

*From J. MACROBIN, M.D., Professor of the Practice of Medicine,  
University of Aberdeen.*

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,

10th November, 1865.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have great pleasure in stating my opinion of your excellent qualifications for the appointment of Medical Attendant to the Poor's-House now erecting in Stonehaven. Your experience, your complete Medical Education, your well known success as a Practitioner in a wide district of country, all indicate your perfect fitness for such an office ; and I have no doubt you have the additional qualification—warm-hearted sympathy with the poor.

Wishing you the success which you so well deserve,

I remain, DEAR SIR,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. MACROBIN, M.D.

Dr. ALEX. MARTIN.

## VII.

*From ROBERT DYCE, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Midwifery  
in the University of Aberdeen.*

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,

10th November, 1865.

I have much pleasure in certifying that I have known Dr. ALEXANDER MARTIN for upwards of

twenty years ; that I consider him to be a well-informed Physician, with a kindness of manner about him, and a will and an ability to give the poor the benefit of his valuable professional assistance, as must render him, I think, precisely the kind of Medical Officer the Parochial Board would wish to secure.

(Signed) RO. DYCE, M.D., F.R.S.E.

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### VIII.

*From ALEXANDER KILGOUR, M.D., Consulting Physician, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 17th November, 1865.

Dr. MARTIN was, when a Student at the Aberdeen Infirmary, highly distinguished for the great ability and zeal with which he pursued his professional studies. As he was for a considerable length of time my Clinical Clerk, I had the best means of testing his acquirements, and I very soon ascertained him to be possessed of so great an amount of information on all professional points, with an aptitude to turn it to practical account, as to merit my warmest approbation. I considered him well adapted for private practice when he should have completed his Medical Studies, and from all that I have since seen or known of him as a Medical Practitioner in Stonehaven, I have had only the more reason to be confirmed in my first high opinion of him.

(Signed) AL. KILGOUR, M.D.



## IX.

*From WILLIAM KEITH, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., Lecturer on Clinical Surgery to the Aberdeen University, and Senior Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.*

After a life-long acquaintance with Dr. MARTIN, and having had many opportunities of witnessing the manner in which he has conducted his practice, I testify that he has amply fulfilled the favorable expectations I had formed of him. His skill, his experience in his Profession in all its departments, his kind and gentlemanly manner, and unwearied devotion to the interests of the sick poor in time past, all point him out as in every respect qualified for, and deserving of, the appointment of Medical Officer to the Kincardineshire Combination Poor-House.

(Signed) WM. KEITH, M.D., M.R.C.S.E.

263, UNION STREET, ABERDEEN,  
6th December, 1865.

## X.

*From C. GORDON ROBERTSON, Esq., Advocate.*

I have much pleasure in certifying that, during my residence of sixteen years in Stonehaven, Dr. MARTIN was my medical attendant, and that I had every reason to be satisfied with his professional skill and his unwearied attention. As Sheriff-Substitute

of Kincardineshire, I had many opportunities of observing the admirable manner in which he discharged every public duty entrusted to him. I believe him to be a gentleman of very great professional attainments, and I know that he possesses excellent religious principles, and a kind and most considerate manner towards the poor. I know none better qualified to fill the situation of Medical Officer to the Kincardineshire Combination Poor-House, for which, I understand, it is probable that he will be a Candidate.

(Signed) C. GORDON ROBERTSON.

2, MINERAL BANK,

BRIDGE OF ALLAN, 17th Nov., 1865.

# XI.

*From* HORATIO ROSS, Esq., late Proprietor of Netherley,  
Kincardineshire.

GLEN-DIBIDALE LODGE,

ARDGAY, ROSS-SHIRE,

11th November, 1865.

MY DEAR DR. MARTIN,

I have just received your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, in which you mention your intention of being a Candidate for the appointment of Medical Attendant to the Combination Poor's-House. Were I still proprietor of Netherley, you should have my most cordial support, as it is, I can only express my good wishes for your success; and at the sametime

state that, during the time I resided at Netherley, you were the Medical Attendant of my family—that I formed the highest opinion of your Medical skill—that we all had perfect confidence in you—and that I know no one in the immediate neighbourhood of Stonehaven who, in my humble opinion, is so well-qualified to discharge the duties of Medical Officer of the establishment in question ; and that I shall consider the future inmates of that house fortunate, if the choice falls on you.

With every good wish, and with kindly remembrance of your attention on several very anxious occasions,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) HORATIO ROSS.

Dr. MARTIN, Stonehaven.

## XII.

*From* ARTHUR W. KINNEN, *Esq.*

STONEHAVEN, *November* 18, 1865.

MY DEAR SIR,

In answer to your application, I have pleasure in stating that I have known you as a general Practitioner here for the last twenty years ; that I am aware that your practice has been varied and extensive among all classes in the town and neighbourhood, and, although from the circumstance of your not being the medical attendant of my own



family, I cannot say, supposing that I were competent to form an opinion, that I have had an opportunity of personally judging of your professional attainments (as to which many others differently situated will no doubt speak), I can testify to the high respectability of your character in every respect, and to the constant, close, and noted attention with which you devote yourself to your business.

I remain, DEAR SIR,

Truly yours,

(Signed) A. W. KINNEAR.

Dr. MARTIN, Stonehaven.

### XIII.

*From JAMES TINDAL, Esq., Procurator-Fiscal, Kincardineshire.*

I have known Dr. MARTIN of Stonehaven upwards of twenty years ; and, during a considerable part of that time, he has been, as he still continues to be, the Medical Attendant of my family. I have observed his success in general practice, and, as far as I am capable of judging, his skill and acquirements as a Medical Man ; and I can bear testimony to his devoted attention to the duties of his profession.

I consider him highly qualified for the Medical Superintendence of a Poor-House.

(Signed) JAS. TINDAL.

STONEHAVEN, 22nd November, 1865.

## XIV.

*From JAMES SCOTT, Esq., Bank Agent.*

I have known Dr. MARTIN intimately since he came to practise in Stonehaven, and I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his excellent character, and general success as a Medical Practitioner. His unwearied activity, his deep anxiety and unremitting attention in the cause of his patients, and his kind attendance on the poor, pre-eminently qualify him, in my opinion, as a most fit and proper person for the appointment of Medical Attendant at the Combination Poor's-House, Stonehaven.

(Signed) JAMES SCOTT.

STONEHAVEN, 16th November, 1865.



